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SOME STRAIGHT TALK.

Thos. Nelson Page Pays his Respects to Newport's "Four Hundred."

Not long since a minister preaching to a congregation of ultra-fashionables in Newport told his hearers they should be very careful how they lived as fifty millions of American citizens had their gaze fastened upon them as their exemplars, applying their lives and spending their energies in endeavoring to emulate them. In an address at Concord, N. H. recently, Thomas Nelson Page referred to the sermon as follows:

"I know not how characterize such nonsense except in the plain vernacular. With such insensate flattery pouring into their ears, so wonder that little set of gilded imitators of foreign fashionable life lose their bearings, become blinded and fall into the ditch of folly and profligacy. I make so bold as to assert that not only are there not fifty millions of people in this country who sit with envious, if not adoring gaze fastened upon that spectacle of divorced and doubly divorced men and women, and their sycophants and parasites, but that, outside of their own circle, there are not fifty thousand people in all America who do not reprobate and deride their arrogance."

It is true their doings are chronicled and doubtless read by millions in the journals, but so are the acts of freaks and malefactors. And the reverend preacher doubtless has lived so close to the sources from which these reports have emanated that he has become dazzled and lost his bearings. But if he would go abroad, and when I say abroad I do not mean the other countries, but abroad in this broad land, and see the American people in their homes, he would find that those to whom he addressed himself on that occasion were far from being held in the esteem he stated. They mistake notoriety for fame, brazenness for splendor, and prominence for exaltation."

Great Soldier Memorial.

The successful culmination of the long cherished plans of the Sons of Veterans to found a great memorial university will be good news to patriotic people everywhere. In so far as the general public is concerned perhaps the most interesting feature will be the war museum, where in a fire proof building will be gathered relics of war times now hid away in garrets or insecurely stored in G. A. R. Post rooms. It is also proposed to provide free scholarships for worthy discharged orphans from the soldier's orphan homes of the various states.

This university will be unique in character, being dedicated to patriotism and having a chair of applied patriotism. All the patriotic societies of the nation are deeply interested in this movement and are aiding in the work. It will be amply endowed, an honor to the men and women of war times and a credit to the people whose contributions have made it possible. By vote of the Commandery in Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. which convenes at Syracuse, N. Y. in September a location will be selected and the work of building commenced at once. This is the most practical soldier memorial yet proposed and in founding this university the order, Sons of Veterans, does its duty by both ancestry and posterity. Its doors will be open to all worthy students and it will greatly assist in elevating the standard of citizenship in the United States.

Delegates selected.

The following named gentlemen were selected as delegates from Cape Girardeau township to the Democratic convention to be held at Jackson next Saturday:

Lafayette Caruthers, R. B. Andrews, Geo. E. Chappell, W. T. Rolston, J. H. Rider, Joseph Fuerth, Jerry Hitt, Peter Carroll, Joe Kerchendorf, Thos. J. Shorb, J. F. Schuchert, Thomas M. Williams, August Schivelbine, John D. Wilson, Wm. N. Howard, R. H. Giboney, R. L. Wilson, F. E. Barrough.

The Cairo Telegram says Cairo will have a street fair this fall. The merchants will build and decorate their own booths and the city will only be asked to pay for the music. If Cairo does have a fair the people better run it on the Christian Endeavor plan or that threatened vigilance committee may take form.

Crushed Under Rolling Log.

At Poplar Bluff last Monday a man by the name of Bailey, while unloading a car of logs, was caught under a rolling log and instantly killed. He had been married about two weeks.

BLAMES CIVILIZATION.

A War Bred by Oppression and Conducted for the Sake of Oppression.

Count Tolstoi very bitterly opposes the Chinese war and reproaches all Europe for her act in the matter. He lays the principle cause of the outbreak to the missionaries who for a number of years past have been persistently at work forcing their religious belief upon the celestial race. These so termed servants of God have wisely chosen their subjects and by little acts of kindness and charity to the wife, sister and child of John Chinaman they have successfully impressed their religious beliefs upon the woman of that country and thereby blighted many a happy home for poor John. The husband believes in Confucius, the religion of his fathers is the one sacred thing of which he is supremely conscious. Behold the wife of his bosom, a proselyte, twice a christian, for the female proselyte's ardor is without bounds, it knows no reason. Man and wife think the other eternally lost. Everything that he considers permissible, lawful and good is a crime in her eyes.

He thinks her faithless; a traitor to his ancestors; she calls him blind, walking in eternal darkness. So the Christian world has gained a soul and society one more broken and unhappy marriage.

Some accuse the intriguing Empress of having precipitated this war. It's a lie, a thousand times a lie, says Tolstoi. We are gathering the storm where we sowed wind. It's absurd to talk of court intrigues where a whole nation rises in open or covert revolt. The revolt, Christians is of your making.

Tolstoi further says in part: "I would gladly accept the report that only blind fanaticism rages with fire and sword in China, but I know it is not so. This revolt is the consequence of long continued, of perpetual, persistent and seemingly endless oppression. The Chinese body politic has risen to shake off the yoke of that civilization which bored its dirty fangs into China's very flesh. Cruel, nasty fangs—different in every respect from the white hand of brotherhood of which we read so much."

Europe is lying when she styles the present necessary armed interference in China "a war for civilization." This is a war bred by oppression and conducted for the sake of oppression. But we must defend the claims of civilization nevertheless.

The act of defense, of self-defense and of defending others is a righteous thing."

What Does It Mean.

The Caruthersville Democrat says: "A great many who attended the funeral of the late W. D. Schult were agreeably surprised to find a large barrel of ice water in the cemetery. This was due to the forethought of A. C. LaForge, and is one of the many acts of kindness that make life worth the living."

A person who was disposed to look for the ludicrous in happenings of this nature, might say that the friends of the deceased furnished the ice water for a purpose, but of course those who best knew W. D. Schult would not imagine for a moment that he had gone to a place where ice water is supposed to be hard to get.

The deceased was a fine man and he deserves the best there is in the section of the other world to which he has gone. The DEMOCRAT merely calls attention to this in order to keep some of the newspapers from trying to be funny over the ice water incident.

All kinds of kodak supplies at Ben Miller's.

How Unpleasant

It is to see a beautiful child's face disfigured with vile humors, bursting through the skin pimples, blotches and sores, and sadder still, when the young and innocent are laughed at and twitted in all such cases. Parents should give them that good and palatable remedy, Sulphur Bitters, which will search and drive out of the blood every particle of humor.—Health Gazette.

There is a certain portion of the people who seem to be constantly on the move. Cape Girardeau sees a great many of them, and for the past few days there has been an unusual number of this class on the streets with their wagons, poor horses, dogs, etc. It has been remarked however, that nearly all of them are coming into Southeast Missouri.

Eastman's Kodaks at I. Ben Miller's.

MISSOURI CROPS

Corn Still Suffering in Many Sections for Want of Rain.

The crop bulletin of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Missouri section, says:

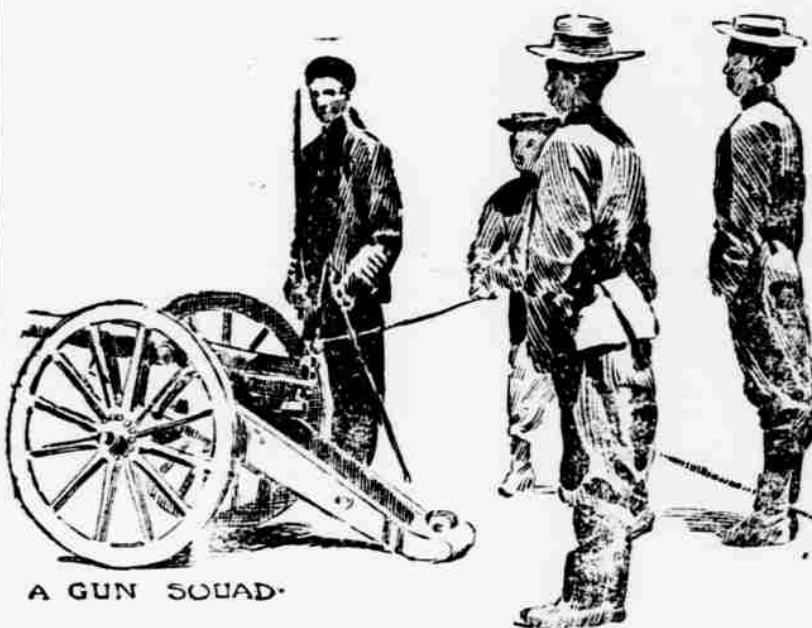
In some localities in the northern section of the state rains have been accompanied by high winds, which blew off much fruit and flattened corn. In those districts where heavy rains have fallen the condition of the corn crop is greatly improved, and, while in many counties it has been permanently injured to a greater or less extent, many correspondents report that an average, or nearly an average crop is practically assured. In most of the central and southern and many of the northeastern counties, however, corn is drying up rapidly. Many report the crop damaged one-third or more, and in portions of the southern sections much of the late planted is ruined.

Cotton in the southeastern counties is suffering from drought, and some is opening prematurely. There is also some complaint of rust.

Plowing for wheat is progressing in some of the western and extreme northeastern counties, but in most sections it has been suspended.

A Good Investment.

40 acres of good land for sale near East Cape Girardeau, Ill. Thirty acres in corn and ten acres in timber. All good land. For particulars see or address Mrs. S. A. BOWMAN, Cape Girardeau, Mo.



A GUN SQUAD.

This Photo-cut shows the type of Chinese soldiers that Uncle Sam's Boys are now fighting. This battery which was armed and drilled by Russia has deserted and joined the Boxers.

Death of an Old Timer.

There are many persons living along the river who will regret to learn of the death of Capt. Ben Howard, which occurred at his home in Metropolis, Ill., Monday morning.

Capt. Howard was among the best known of steamboatmen on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. For a long time he was employed on the Northern line steamers running out of St. Louis. Later he ran in the Evansville and Cairo trade, the Tennessee river, the St. Louis and Cape Girardeau trade, on the old City of Monroe of the Anchor Line, and for some time was master of the Dick Fowler, which runs between Paducah and Cairo.

Communication.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—As a member of the Citizen's Committee on the entrance of the H. M. & A. Ry. into our city, permit me to say the committee was represented at the City Council meeting on Monday night and would have been prepared to do our full duty, but we were informed during the day by at least one member of the council that we had no business there, in as much as there was nothing before the council in the way of an ordinance or even a petition asking for a right of way. As the railroad had asked for nothing how could we solicit the committee to grant them anything?

So far as we can learn the citizens are unanimously in favor of granting them any reasonable demand, and when the time comes to act we will be there and then the council may expect to hear from us.

Respectfully,
M. E. SHELTON.

You'll tell your friends of the satisfaction you have received through getting your garments made at the Boss Tailoring House. Big reduction for the next 30 days.

THE IDEMITY QUESTION.

Eleven Nations Will Require It from China.

It is stated that there are eleven nations which have suffered as a result of the Chinese disturbances. All will expect a settlement of damages which have resulted from the Boxer outbreaks, the murder of missionaries and the destruction of legation property. Spain is one of these, and, although she has not participated in the relief expedition, she has suffered alike with the others, and will expect to be indemnified for her losses. It can be stated authoritatively that up to this time, there has been no exchange between the United States and the other powers regarding the steps to be taken in the future to bring China to terms for the losses that have been incurred. The sole interest of the United States up to this time has been the rescue of the legations, which is now an accomplished fact.

Informal discussion has taken place between the President and his cabinet as to what this government would do to secure reparation for losses, but the conclusions reached are purely tentative and in no sense definite.

The Shirt Waist in Court.

A Chicago man has brought suit for \$50,000 damages against the Union Restaurant and hotel in Randolph street for refusing to serve him while he was clad in a shirt-waist and minus a coat.

This is the first time the shirt-waist question has been before a court.

THE RAILROAD MATTER.

Comes Before the Council and is Referred to a Committee.

At an adjourned regular meeting of the council Monday night R. G. Ranney presented a memorial from the officials of the Houck road asking for the right of way to enter the city. This was referred to a committee of the council previously appointed to investigate as to the best route for the road to enter the city, and this committee will report at a subsequent meeting.

Without the slightest intention to criticize anyone the DEMOCRAT feels called upon to say that the proper degree of interest is not being taken in this matter. The coming of this road into Cape Girardeau is a matter of the most vital importance to the people of this city. It is not necessary to go into any elaborate argument to establish this proposition, as all are of one opinion on the subject. The road is asking for a right-of-way and the matter should be settled promptly and without any unnecessary formality.

At a recent meeting of citizens a resolution was offered which stated in substance that it was to the interest and welfare of the city for the council to grant the Houck road a franchise to build a railroad into the city from its southern limits as far north as Independence street. A committee consisting of M. E. Shelton, R. G. Ranney, L. H. Graessle, C. B. Galusha, Chas. Unnerstall, Will Hirsch, Father Hopkins, Al Ruediger, Chas. Daues, Wm. Regenhardt and Prof. McGhee, was appointed to present this resolution to the council and urge its passage. The committee has failed to do this. It is true that two or three members of this committee were present at the council meeting Monday night, but no report from the committee appointed at the citizens meeting was submitted to the council. The council expected something of this sort and was surprised that it was not forthcoming.

The gentlemen who compose the committee referred to are much interested in the matter, and it is probable that a press of business or forgetfulness prevented their attendance at the council meeting.

Don't Borrow Your Papers.

Kansas City Journal: A man who was too economical to take this paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a 84 stand of bees and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance and, failing to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into that, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy and ruining a 84 pair of pants. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the cornfield and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket the wife ran, upset a four gallon churn full of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning the whole flock. In her hurry she dropped a 87 set of false teeth. The baby left alone, crawled through the spilled milk into the parlor and ruined a brand new 80 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up eleven setting hens, and the calves got out and chewed the tails off of four fine shirts.

Much Truth in This

It is seldom that as much truth is compressed into a small space as is found in the following from an exchange:

"Limberger cheese laid away in cupboards and refrigerators will drive away ants. No doubt of it. It will drive a dog out of a tan yard; it will drive a spike through a brick; it will drive a tramp away from a meal of victuals; it will drive a mule through a barb wire fence; it will drive a herd of cattle over a precipice; it will drive a negro away from a chicken roost; or a man into insanity who stays five minutes within its unsavory presence. And yet some men will sit up and eat the stuff and profess to like it."

Reductions in our tailoring department.

THE BOSS.

Farm For Sale.

A farm containing 60 acres, one mile and a half from the city of Cape Girardeau in high state of cultivation. A good orchard of all kinds of fruit, three never failing springs of good water. A good dwelling house of five rooms, and a good barn and out buildings for sale cheap. Call on or address LOUIS OSWALD, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

POWERS STATEMENT.

Thinks He is the Victim of a Political Conspiracy.

Caleb Powers has issued the following statement.

"I am asked my opinion concerning my trial and verdict of the jury. Could I have but one opinion? Could any fairminded man or woman of this state have but one? That one of the greatest judicial farces known to history has been enacted here in my trial, under forms of law, no well-informed man can doubt. Innocence is no shield with \$100,000 and the methods of Campbellism against you. The rectitude of one's past life counts for naught. They say Taylor is guilty because he was at his office, and that I am guilty because I was away from mine. This has been a political trial throughout, for political purposes, and no greater mistake has been made by the Democratic party since they robbed us of the offices to which we were fairly elected by the people. There are good men and noble women in the Democratic party, and many of them. They are not all bad, far from it. A great many of them do not indorse the theft of the State offices. A great many more will not indorse this mockery of a trial, this prostitution of the courts of justice for certain ends. From the beginning of the campaign until now I have stood with what little merit I have had for the rights and liberties of the people. That is my crime. That is the only offense I have committed. That is the only thing proven against me. I swore to that myself in my testimony. I have never had and I now have no apology to make for being true to the trust imposed upon me by a majority of the voters of this State. History will draw its dark lines around those who have outraged me and disgraced the judiciary and blackened the history of the State."

In Memoriam.

Died, in this city, August 20, 1900, at 7:25 A. M., Miss Jessie Wall, youngest daughter of her widowed mother. Deceased was a christian in the broadest acceptance of the term. She lived and died in the Roman Catholic faith. She was a good daughter, a faithful sister and a true friend always. She fell a victim to that dread disease, consumption, in whose grasp she has been struggling for the past three years. The following lines are humbly dedicated to her memory. The sable wings of Death have once more fluttered o'er us, this time to fold in their embrace, our beloved friend, darling sister, Miss Jessie Wall.

Calmly, peacefully and joyfully did this pure white soul leave its earthly tenement of clay, to enter into the heavenly realms of eternal joy and bliss. Three years of pain and suffering and now eternal rest.

Oh mother, sister, brother, would you recall the dear departed one back to this world of misery, pain and care? Oh surely not. 'Tis hard, 'tis bitter to give up her so dearly loved; no more to see her face on earth, her voice no more to hear, but we know she's with the angels now—no more sorrow, pain or care for her; she is not lost, but only gone before.

We faint would comfort you, oh poor bereaved ones, but what do words avail? God alone in His infinite mercy, can ease your pain and heal your wounded hearts. You loved her well, God loved her best; your love is finite, His, infinite.

The weary soul is free at last
Our Heavenly Father called her home,
Her place on earth is vacant now
In fairer places she doth roam.

Her voice is stilled forever here
But swells the angels choir above,
She's gone from earth, this tale of tears
To where all's peace and joy and love.

Weep not for her, the cherished one,
Dear mother, sister, brother, friend,
She waits for us on our bright shore—
The silent grave is not the end.

So weep no more, nor mourn for her
She is happy, blest and free;
Safe in the arms of Jesus—
There to rest through eternity.

A FRIEND.

Southeast Missouri Lumber.

Labor Commissioner Rixey's report gives the following figures of the lumber production in the counties of this congressional district for 1899: Pemiscot, 64,819,789 feet; Stoddard, 48,080,000; Dunklin, 44,524,000; New Madrid, 38,325,800; Butler, 25,269,000; Ripley, 13,863,500; Mississippi, 9,997,939; Cape Girardeau, 7,899,000; Bollinger, 3,100,000; Oregon, 2,326,500; Howell, 2,352,000; Scott, 1,586,000.

See our fall suitings, vestings, etc. They are world beaters.

BERRY & SANDER.